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## County Agent Advises Berry Growers To Improve Pack

Points Out Necessity of Taking This Step if Better Prices Are to be Secured.

**MUST COMPETE WITH LOUISIANA, ALABAMA**  
Crop from These States Now Being Marketed in Competition With N. C.

In an effort to stimulate more interest in the grading and packing of strawberries in this county, the County Agent is this week mailing out a large number of circular letters to representative growers urging them to pay more attention to this phase of the harvest. He is especially anxious that growers give this matter their attention this season since Louisiana and Alabama will market the bulk of their crop at the same time as this section. Both these states ship only first quality fruit and in order for North Carolina growers to successfully compete with them he feels that growers must improve the quality of their pack. Following is the text of the letter:

"It is important and necessary that every strawberry producer in this section try to do his best during the present and future seasons to grow and pack the best quality of berries possible, in order to obtain highest market prices and some surplus profit above cost of production.

"This is especially important during the present season, due to the fact that the bulk of crop from Louisiana and Alabama will be marketed along with the crop of this section. In the past several years the quality of fruit, appearance and standards of pack for this section have been far below that of the above mentioned sections. In order for us to compete with these other states, you producers must improve the quality of your pack.

"The most important step toward this goal will be for each grower or his representative to start and stay in the fields with the pickers as much as possible and see that the berries are picked correctly. Namely: (a) 1-8 to 1-4 inch stem and cap attached. (b) One berry at the time. (c) Each berry should have 3-4 of surface a good red or pink color. (d) Eliminate all unnecessary bruising. (e) Keep out trash and as much dirt as possible. (f) Have decayed berries thrown on the ground when picked, or if using two cups in picking, put them in second grade cup to carry to shed, but do not pack decayed fruit.

"At the shed grade out all coldhurt, undeveloped, undercolored, overripe, bruised, dirt-caked, undersized and decayed berries; with as much care as possible to avoid bruising. (a) Pack each cup separately and set in crate when finished. Face or plate each cup of fruit in the crate. (b) Make each crate look as neat in appearance as possible.

"Definition of some terms used above: (1) 'Overripe' means dead ripe, becoming soft. (2) 'Undeveloped' means the berry has not attained a normal shape and development due to frost injury, insect injury or other cause. (3) 'Undercolored' means a berry showing less than 3-4 of surface a good red or pink color. (4) 'Undersized' means less than 3-4 of an inch in diameter.

"Now, if you care to pack your second grade berries, take out decayed fruit, undersized and all serious defects, and be sure to put in separate cups, crates and load. Have them inspected and sold separately.

"Serious defects mean any injury or defect which seriously affects the appearance, eating or shipping quality of the berries. (Continued on Page Eight)

### Licensed Horse Trainer



NEW YORK . . . Miss Mary Hirsch, 22, (above), daughter of Max Hirsch, noted horseman, has been granted a trainer's license by The Jockey Club, the first ever issued to a woman.

### Enjoy Shad Supper

Members of the local fire department were hosts to the Town Board, Mayor and a number of other invited guests at a shad supper one night last week at the new service station of Hoffer & Boney on East Main Street. J. A. Harrell, a former fire chief, acted as toastmaster for the occasion which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Each member of the Town Board made short talks during the evening in which they praised the fire department for their service to the town. The Mayor also voiced his thanks for the efficient service of the department as did Messrs. W. D. Campbell, P. J. Caudell and W. L. Byrd, former Board members who were invited guests. Messrs. Harrell, Dunn and Chief Hoffer responded to the talks and each expressed his appreciation and thanks for the new equipment that had been provided the department.

A sound mind in a sound body isn't the work of chance.

## Shipman Reports on Work Of Legislature Past Week

Raleigh, April 15.—The Senate has been engaged for a week in a mighty battle over the revenue bill, and so far has made one major change, exempting nine staple foods, meat, flour, meal, milk, lard, coffee, sugar, salt and molasses, from the three per cent sales tax. In making this and other changes in the revenue bill as it came from the House, the Senate has thrown the estimated budget out of balance something like a million and half dollars a year. It must either now find additional sources of revenue or else cut down the appropriations, already down to what both houses considered the minimum after hearing all sides. That is the issue before the Legislature now, shall the appropriations be reduced or shall sufficient revenue be levied to pay the appropriations.

The Senate spent a solid week debating various phases of the revenue bill, with a fair prospect that it will spend the greater part of this week on the bill, for it must be put on three separate readings on three separate days, after it is finally reported from the committee of the whole. This will certainly not put it back into the House before Easter. If the House refuses to concur in the Senate amendments or changes, then the bill goes to conference, and that means another week of discussion. That brings the Legislature up to about May first, and the revenue bill will not then have been put in its final passage. This much must be said for

## INTEREST IN THE TOWN ELECTION INCREASING

As the deadline for filing draws nearer interest in the forthcoming Town election is increasing. Already one candidate has filed for Mayor and five names appear on the books as candidates for Commissioners. Just how many more will seek these offices before the final time for filing expires on May 4th, is problematic although Dame Rumor has it that there will probably be more. However, she forgot to say just how many more, but did say that there was little likelihood of a factional fight developing as has been the case in years past when two complete tickets were out. Some political prognosticators are voicing the opinion that there will be no other names on the ticket this year in which case the election on the 7th of May will be a mere formality. But time will tell the tale and no one will know for certain until the filing time expires.

Candidates filing to date are: for Mayor, J. A. Harrell; for Commissioners, Roy Carter, William Farrior, M. J. Cavanaugh, H. E. Kramer, and W. G. Wells.

The present governing body is composed of J. R. Rose as Mayor, and Roy Carter, William Farrior, M. J. Cavanaugh, William Brice, J. D. Carr as Commissioners.

### CONGRESSMAN BARDEN VISITS THIS SECTION

Congressman Graham A. Barden was a visitor in the county last Saturday. While in this section he visited the Willard test farm where he expressed his interest in the work being carried on. He also promised a delegation of citizens his "best support from every angle" in any worthwhile project which might be undertaken at the farm. He also visited Penderlea while down.

Mr. Barden returned to his home in New Bern Saturday night to spend the week-end with his family prior to leaving for Washington Monday.

## Hold Strawberry Day At Test Farm

Public Invited to Attend Annual Event Which Is Scheduled for April 26

On April 26 the Coastal Plain Station of the N. C. Department of Agriculture at Willard, N. C., will hold its annual strawberry day. At this Station the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the N. C. Department of Agriculture are cooperating in extensive strawberry research and breeding work and it is the purpose of this day to feature the results from this cooperative project. The public is invited to visit the Station at any time during the strawberry season, but particularly on April 26 when the several State and Federal representatives will be present to explain the work. There will be no public speaking, as this is strictly an informal day for the benefit of strawberry growers and others interested in this crop. Visitors to the Station at this time will have an opportunity to see the following features: Strawberry Breeding. New introduced and named varieties. New North Carolina seedlings in 50 feet row tests.

(1) See Blakemore, Dorsett, Fairfax, Southerland and Bellmar.

(2) See N. Car. 105 Klondike X Howard 17, very early, large, vigorous, productive; 115 Blakemore X 778, early, firm, 778 X Blakemore, early, firm, long; 151 778 X Fairfax, early, firm, long, large, fine cap; 216 fine cap; 302 Blakemore X Fairfax, early, firm, large cap; 312 Blakemore X Fairfax, early, firm, fine quality; 334 652 X Fairfax, very large, not earliest; 337 Bellmar X Fairfax, very large, firm, not earliest; 367 Missionary X Fairfax, firm, very fine quality, early; 369 Missionary X Fairfax, very vigorous, very productive, early; 419 Missionary X Fairfax, very vigorous, very productive, sweet, early; 1021 Kalicene X Howard 17, very vigorous, very productive, large, early.

(3) About 150 selections in final test.

(4) One acre of seedlings fruiting for first time.

(5) Newly planted seedlings and methods of plant breeding.

### Strawberry Culture

(1) Double hill row, spaced row and matted row systems compared.

(2) Method of renewal of double hill and spaced row.

(3) Cutting out or leaving mother plant—double hill row.

(4) Narrow (30") vs wide (48") double hill rows.

(5) Planting in Sept. vs spring planting.

(6) Relation of leaf number in fall to yield in spring.

(7) Cottonseed meal plus nitrate vs fish meal vs tankage vs Peruvian guano vs 8-4-4.

(8) Irrigation by furrow, spray and ooze hose compared.

### Strawberry Marketing

(1) Growing U. S. No. 1 berry in field.

(2) Packing a U. S. No. 1 grade.

(3) Comparison of 32 and 24 quart, 24 pint and 24 1-2 pint crates.

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### FROST

Frost, the dread of all early truck growers, visited this section Tuesday night but, according to reports received here, did very little damage to growing crops. Corn, beans and other tender plants were given a set-back but are expected to recover. Some strawberry blooms were killed although the majority of them escaped damage due to the heavy foliage.

This is the latest frost to visit this section in several years and came very unexpectedly since such mild weather prevailed throughout the month of March.

## LAST RITES MONDAY FOR MISS DOROTHY CARTER

Funeral services for Miss Dorothy Carter, were held from the local Baptist church Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. Rev. J. E. Lanier, pastor of the church conducted the service, assisted by Rev. W. P. M. Currie, pastor of the local Presbyterian church. Interment followed in Rockfish cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: J. W. Powell, Roy Carter, W. J. Carter, A. H. Carter, Thomas Adams, Lee Pace, Jimmie Foyles, and E. J. Johnson. Cousins of the deceased served as flower girls.

The deceased, who was a native of this section, passed away in a New Orleans hospital late Friday afternoon. Injured in an automobile wreck more than three years ago soon after going to the Louisiana city to enter college, she had spent the entire time since then in the hospital where her condition had gradually grown worse until the end came Friday. She was a daughter of Mrs. Myrtle Carter and the late L. J. Carter. Surviving the deceased are her mother, one brother and one sister, Z. J. Carter and Mrs. Julian Keith, both of Currie.

## PAINFULLY INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Futreal, residents of the Harrells Store section, were painfully injured late Saturday afternoon when their car was in collision with another machine about two miles west of town. A colored man who was a passenger in the car with the Futreals, was also injured but not seriously. Mrs. Futreal was the worst injured of the trio, receiving a broken jaw bone and severe cuts and bruises which necessitated hospital treatment. Mr. Futreal also received severe cuts and bruises. The occupants of the other machine ran immediately after the wreck and it is not known whether they were injured or not. Both cars were badly damaged by the head-on collision.

## Club Members Interested In State Garden Contest

Fourteen splendid garden reports kept by Duplin Club members throughout the fall, winter and spring were forwarded to the State Specialist in Foods and Gardens in Raleigh this week.

The winners in Duplin are: Mrs. R. J. Ward, Rock Fish Club, first prize; Mrs. J. L. Miller, Miller Club, second prize; Mrs. Zack Williams, B. F. Grady Club, third prize, and Mrs. Willie Mercer, Miller Club, fourth prize.

The first prize winner will receive \$5.00 and the second winner \$2.50. These winners will, also, compete with other contestants throughout the state for the prize of \$20.00 which is being offered the best report from any county. The third and fourth prize winner will receive attractive commercial prizes.

The report of the first and second prize winners follow.

### WHAT MY YEAR-ROUND GARDEN HAS MEANT TO MY FAMILY

By MRS. R. J. WARD, Rock Fish Club, Rose Hill, N. C. First Winner

It is well to find an excuse for doing things you enjoy and there is at least a good one for growing a year-round garden. It has meant much to the health of my family as well as saving us much money. The vegetables you buy may not be fresh and are not picked young enough or they may be picked too young.

We have one acre in our garden. We prepared the soil good before planting by turning un-

## Must Die Now



HUNTSVILLE, Tex. . . . Raymond Hamilton (above), finds his flashy career of outlary at an end. He is in a death cell here and is expected to be sentenced to die in the electric chair on May 10th. . . . Thus will pass another "Public Enemy No. 1."

### Youngsters Win

The "Back Alley Rattlers", junior team, defeated the Teachey Junior boys on the local diamond last Saturday by the score of 19 to 16. The feature of the game was a four-base hit by Wells. Batteries were: for Wallace, Wells and Stewart; for Teachey, D. Wells and J. Wells. The two teams will clash again on the local diamond Saturday.

### Marriage Licenses

Five couples secured marriage licenses at the Register of Deeds' office during the past week. Of this number only two were white, they being: Richard Hatcher and Louise Jarman; Herbert A. Carroll and Lena Jarman.

When an individual becomes a partisan his reason is, in part, impaired.

## Local Berry Mart Opened Monday

Offerings Light on First Three Days This Week; Sales Show Big Increase Today.

PRICES HAVE BEEN UP TO EXPECTATIONS

Sales Thus far Have Averaged Better Than \$4.00 Per 32-Quart Crate

Auction sales on the local strawberry market got underway Monday with offerings fair but of very poor quality due to the unfavorable weather which has prevailed in this section for the past three weeks or more. However, prices which ranged between \$3.50 and \$5.00 per 32 quart crate with some offerings of better quality selling higher, was considered good for season's first "break". Approximately 600 crates were sold on the opening date.

Sales on the local market have increased each day this week. Tuesday's offerings were approximately 650 crates with prices remaining firm on better quality fruit. Yesterday, approximately 900 crates passed through the block averaging better than \$3.75. Today's sales were by far the heaviest of the season thus far, something like 1800 crates being auctioned off. Prices were also up, the market as a whole averaging \$4.00 for the entire sale.

This section has had very little favorable weather for berries since April came in and as a result the quality of the fruit being offered at this time is considerably below par. Cool nights and cloudy days have kept the berries from ripening as rapidly as they should and the majority of those being marketed now are green sided and knotty. However, growers are looking forward to better quality now that the larger part of the early crop is about exhausted and the "cream of the crop" is about to start moving. With three or four days of favorable weather sales should pick up considerably. In fact, buyers are getting ready for record sales the early part of the week. Federal inspectors have been on the line since auction sales began Monday and have been increasing their force daily as the volume increased. They, too, are looking forward to increased offerings next week and have made necessary arrangements for increasing their force accordingly.

While it is too early to predict price trends for the season, brokers here who are in close touch with market conditions are hopeful that this will be one of the best seasons in several years. However, other berry growing sections are now entering the market, notably Louisiana and Alabama. Both these states are heavy shippers and place more emphasis on quality and pack than North Carolina and for this reason may be serious competitors.

W. L. (Bill) Hussey is back again as auctioneer on the local market and as usual is keeping things lively around the shed with his banter.

### OFFICERS CAPTURE BIG STILL NEAR PINK HILL

A 100-gallon copper still, eighteen barrels of beer and ten gallons of whiskey were taken by Deputies Dail and Powell in a raid in the Pink Hill section of this county on Monday. The still was in operation at the time of the raid but the operators, three Negroes, saw the officers approaching and made their escape. According to the officers, it was one of the nicest outfits captured in this county in some time and had only recently been set up for operation at the spot at which it was captured.